

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed S. 178, Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act, as amended.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S2311–S2359*

**Measures Introduced:** Twenty-eight bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1036–1063, and S. Res. 144–147. **Pages S2351–52**

**Measures Passed:**

***Medicare Independence at Home Medical Practice Demonstration Improvement Act:*** Committee on Finance was discharged from further consideration of S. 971, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for an increase in the limit on the length of an agreement under the Medicare independence at home medical practice demonstration program, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

**Pages S2318–19**

Cornyn (for Wyden) Amendment No. 1129, to make a technical correction. **Page S2319**

***Steve Gleason Act:*** Senate passed S. 984, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide Medicare beneficiary access to eye tracking accessories for speech generating devices and to remove the rental cap for durable medical equipment under the Medicare Program with respect to speech generating devices. **Page S2319**

***2015 National Crime Victims' Rights Week:*** Senate agreed to S. Res. 144, supporting the mission and goals of 2015 National Crime Victims' Rights Week, which include increasing public awareness of the rights, needs, and concerns of, and services available to assist, victims and survivors of crime in the United States. **Page S2319**

***Parkinson's Awareness Month:*** Senate agreed to S. Res. 145, supporting the designation of April 2015, as "Parkinson's Awareness Month". **Page S2319**

***National Assistant Principals Week:*** Senate agreed to S. Res. 146, expressing support for the

designation of the week of April 13 through April 17, 2015, as "National Assistant Principals Week".

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***Historian Emeritus Donald A. Ritchie:*** Senate agreed to S. Res. 147, designating Donald A. Ritchie as Historian Emeritus of the United States Senate.

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***Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act:*** By a unanimous vote of 99 yeas (Vote No. 163), Senate passed S. 178, to provide justice for the victims of trafficking, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

**Pages S2312–18, S2319–48**

Adopted:

By a unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. 157), Cornyn/Murray Amendment No. 1124, to strengthen the Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act by incorporating additional bipartisan amendments. (Pursuant to the order of Tuesday, April 21, 2015, the amendment having achieved 60 affirmative votes, was agreed to.) **Pages S2313–16, S2320**

By a unanimous vote of 99 yeas (Vote No. 160), Brown Amendment No. 311, to direct the Attorney General to increase the amount provided under certain formula grants to States that have in place laws that terminate the parental rights of men who father children through rape. (Pursuant to the order of Tuesday, April 21, 2015, the amendment having achieved 60 affirmative votes, was agreed to.)

**Pages S2331–32**

By a unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. 161), Burr Amendment No. 1121, to require the Secretary of Defense to inform the Attorney General of persons required to register as sex offenders. (Pursuant to the order of Tuesday, April 21, 2015, the amendment having achieved 60 affirmative votes, was agreed to.)

**Pages S2320–26, S2332**

By 97 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. 162), Grassley (for Kirk) Modified Amendment No. 273, to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide a penalty for

knowingly selling advertising that offers certain commercial sex acts. (Pursuant to the order of Tuesday, April 21, 2015, the amendment having achieved 60 affirmative votes, was agreed to.)

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Cornyn (for Klobuchar) Amendment No. 296, to stop exploitation through trafficking. **Pages S2333–37**

Cornyn (for Hoeven) Modified Amendment No. 299, to ensure that eligible entities that have only recently begun collecting data on child human trafficking are not precluded from being awarded certain grants. **Pages S2333–37**

Cornyn (for Sullivan) Amendment No. 279, to require the Attorney General of the United States to grant certain requests by State attorneys general to cross designate State and local attorneys to prosecute individuals for sex trafficking. **Pages S2333–37**

Cornyn (for Wicker) Amendment No. 1126, to direct the Attorney General to create a publicly accessible database for trafficking victims advocates that contains information about services for trafficking survivors. **Pages S2333–37**

Cornyn (for Flake) Amendment No. 294, to require a GAO study on the programs authorized by the bill. **Pages S2333–37**

Cornyn (for Cassidy/Peters) Amendment No. 308, to provide for the development and dissemination of evidence-based best practices for health care professionals to recognize victims of a severe form of trafficking and respond to such individuals appropriately. **Pages S2333–37**

Cornyn (for Portman) Amendment No. 1128, to amend the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act to enable State child protective services systems to improve the identification and assessment of child victims of sex trafficking. **Pages S2333–37**

Cornyn (for Brown) Amendment No. 310, to allow grants under the victim-centered child human trafficking deterrence block grant program to be used for assisting law enforcement agencies in finding homeless and runaway youth. **Pages S2333–37**

Cornyn (for Brown) Amendment No. 312, to amend the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 to expand the training for Federal Government personnel related to trafficking in persons. **Pages S2333–37**

Cornyn (for Heller) Amendment No. 1122, to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to train Department of Homeland Security personnel how to effectively deter, detect, disrupt, and prevent human trafficking during the course of their primary roles and responsibilities. **Pages S2333–37**

Cornyn (for Shaheen) Amendment No. 303, to aid human trafficking victims' recovery and rehabilitation. **Pages S2333–37**

Rejected:

By 43 yeas to 55 nays (Vote No. 156), Leahy Amendment No. 301, relating to justice for victims of human trafficking. (Pursuant to the order of Tuesday, April 21, 2015, the amendment having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.) **Pages S2316–18, S2319–20**

By 45 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 158), Cornyn Amendment No. 1127, to reauthorize the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act. (Pursuant to the order of Tuesday, April 21, 2015, the amendment having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.) **Page S2330**

By 56 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 159), Leahy Amendment No. 290, to reauthorize the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act. (Pursuant to the order of Tuesday, April 21, 2015, the amendment having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.) **Pages S2329–30, S2330–31**

Withdrawn:

McConnell (for Cornyn) Amendment No. 1120, to strengthen the Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act by incorporating additional bipartisan amendments. **Pages S2312–13**

**Essential Transportation Worker Identification Credential Assessment Act—Referral Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that H.R. 710, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to prepare a comprehensive security assessment of the transportation security card program, be discharged from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs and be referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation. **Page S2319**

**Grand Canyon Bison Management Act—Referral Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that S. 782, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish a bison management plan for Grand Canyon National Park, be discharged from the Committee on Environment and Public Works and be referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. **Page S2319**

**Lynch Nomination—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, April 23, 2015, notwithstanding Rule XXII, Senate resume consideration of the nomination of Loretta E. Lynch, of New York, to be Attorney General; that there be 2 hours of debate, equally divided in the usual form, prior to the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination; that if cloture is invoked, there be up to 2 hours of post-cloture debate equally divided between the two Leaders, and that following the use or yielding back of that time, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination. **Page S2359**

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**Record Votes:** Eight record votes were taken today. (Total—163) **Pages S2319–20, S2330–33, S2338**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 4:34 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 23, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2359.)

**Motion to Adjourn:** Senate agreed to the motion to adjourn. **Page S2359**

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the Department of Transportation, after receiving testimony from Anthony Foxx, Secretary of Transportation.

### APPROPRIATIONS: DEFENSE INNOVATION AND RESEARCH

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Department of Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for defense innovation and research, after receiving testimony from Frank Kendall, Under Secretary for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, Alan Shaffer, Acting Assistant Secretary for Development Research and Engineering, and Arati Prabhakar, Director, Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA), all of the Department of Defense.

### APPROPRIATIONS: FEMA

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for Federal Emergency Manage-

ment Agency (FEMA), after receiving testimony from W. Craig Fugate, Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

### DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support concluded a hearing to examine reform of the defense acquisition system in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2016 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Heidi Shyu, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology, Sean J. Stackley, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition, and William A. LaPlante, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, all of the Department of Defense.

### DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Strategic Forces concluded a hearing to examine Air Force and Navy nuclear programs and the implementation of nuclear enterprise review recommendations in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2016 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Major General Garrett Harencak, USAF, Assistant Chief of Staff, Strategic Deterrence and Nuclear Integration, Lieutenant General Stephen W. Wilson, USAF, Commander, Air Force Global Strike Command, Vice Admiral Terry J. Benedict, USN, Director, Strategic Systems Programs, and Yisroel E. Brumer, Director, Strategic, Defensive and Space Programs, Office of the Secretary, Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation, all of the Department of Defense; and Madelyn R. Creedon, Deputy Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy.

### WEATHER COMMUNICATION TO ENHANCE COMMERCE AND SAFETY

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine how to better communicate weather to enhance commerce and safety, after receiving testimony from Don Herme, Manatee County Emergency Management, Bradenton, Florida; Jay Trobec, Keloland Television, Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Ron Sznajder, Schneider Electric, Minneapolis, Minnesota; and Kim Klockow, University Corporation for Atmospheric Research, Silver Spring, Maryland.